



# Delaware Early Childhood Council

## Healthy Young Children & Families Sub-Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes-March 7, 2019

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children & Families First

91 Wolf Creek Boulevard

Dover, DE 19901

Attendance: Barbara Johnson, DE Readiness Teams; Health; Mary Moor, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services; Dawn Alexander, Colonial School District; Yeni Marlow, NDEHS; Leslie Newman, Children & Families First; Crystal Sherman, Chief, Maternal and Child Health Bureau-Division of Public Health; Debbie Taylor, Head Start Collaboration Office Director, DOE-OEL; Donna Snyder-White, United Way; Pam Weir, DMS, Birth -3; Na-Tasha Williams, Nemours

### 1. Welcome & Call to Order-

- Leslie Newman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- All attendees introduced themselves and what agency they represent.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes-

- Meeting minutes from October 25<sup>th</sup> were approved with some discussion.

### 3. Screenings-

- Leslie shared information from the Vision Coalition meeting related to early childhood screenings. Hearing screenings are universal, trauma/ social emotional screenings are on the table, developmental screenings Peds and ASQ discussed.  
Our discussion regarding screenings followed:
  - Peds, Pediatricians get reimbursed for doing the screening, Leslie asked if Peds will change to ASQ, Na-Tasha said she didn't know but will see if she can find out
  - ASQ- Child Welfare system was using ASQ, not sure if it's still being used
  - Home Visiting programs using ASQ- universal tool
  - Colonial School District offer ASQ to residents or children attending Early Learning programs in Colonial
  - ASQ kits are available for all Stars programs if they take the ASQ training
  - Parents do the screening, link on the website
  - Questions:
    - How many children are getting screened?
    - Children that are not in any early learning program how are they getting screened? Who can help locate these children?
    - If a family receives home visiting how does the child care (if they go there) know about the screening? What can we do about this?

- DE Readiness- Highmark grant- ASQ will be available for anyone in DE
- Dawn provided a list of school districts who use/and don't use ASQ-
  - School Districts using ASQ- Colonial, Brandywine, Indian River, Capitol, Christina, Red Clay, Lake Forrest, Appoquinimink ( only for typical peers in Preschool center)
  - School Districts not using ASQ- Cape Henlopen, not sure about Caesar Rodney
- There are many groups looking at the issue of making screening universal and having systems communicate with one another. The PDG grant could help with connections.
- Peds /ASQ not necessarily following developmental schedules. Mary said the ASQ and ASQSE are not being used consistently.
- Crystal talked about the Care Coordination Collaborative- CQI, gaps/barriers, resources needed, hold on the Care Coordination Collaborative since a needs assessment and strategic plan will be done through the PDG
- Debbie suggested the committee start to think about questions, topics, etc. for the PDG needs assessment as feedback/recommendations will be requested
- DE hasn't any policies/legislation around mandating screenings
- Dawn said IDEA ( Part B &C) require services for all eligible children
- Dawn will follow up to see if other states have policies/legislation, Pam and Dawn will see if there are models from other states we can discuss
- Leslie said Kim Williams (legislator) is very interested in special education and could potentially be involved in the conversation.
- Pam stated parent education and screenings must be talked about together Parent Education/messaging is important. Barbara mentioned screenings do not only point out what's wrong but also what's not wrong
- Other groups to involve with work around screenings: OCCL, Healthy Communities DE, Readiness Teams, HV-ECCS, Help Me Grow, OEL, DE Stars, Health Ambassadors
- Next steps related to screenings:
  - Review policies/legislation/models from other states
  - Identify partners i.e. Sussex Health Coalition
  - Parent Education- message to families
  - Facilitate a larger meeting with other partners to discuss screenings
  - Donna will follow up with Brooks about super portals and how to link all portals
- Leslie mentioned DE joins other states by including the ACES questions on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey.
- Dawn mentioned the MOU with Colonial and 211, data is linked, follow up is done by 211 Colonial has a written protocol- document referral and contact with families in Eschool.
- Who has portals? Libraries link to 211. OEL holds the subscription for all of the portals, but does not have an actual portal.

#### 4. QT 30-

- Discussion on distribution- need to continue to find ways to distribute
  - QT 30 booklets printed and in stock
  - Ideas for distribution- HS FSWs, Stars TAs, WECEC Resource Center Child Inc., PIC, Public Preschools, OCCL, conferences (deaeyc, MADDC)

- 619 Coordinators through Cindy Brown's meetings with them,
- Yeni said if the QT 30 booklet is in with other information it gets lost, it's best to share it by itself, important how it's given out
- DE Thrives can't tell if parents use it but can tell how many times requests are made

## 5. Updates-

- Paulina and Jamie were not in attendance – no updates
- Project Launch- the grant is scheduled to end Sept. 2019 however there is a possibility for a one year no cost extension. There is new Project Launch funding available but Mary isn't sure if PBHS will apply. Grant deadline is Apr. 19. New funding is very similar, specific geographical area, community partnerships, prevention and awareness for families, HV ECMH birth -5, ages 6-8 support social emotional development, school readiness, consider child welfare/foster care, opioid /substance misuse
- Leslie shared that Casey Family Programs is providing some funding for a place based initiative with the goal of decreasing the number of children in the child welfare system., We are looking a three potential geographies: New Castle, Seaford Georgetown/Millsboro. A school, library or other community site could be the hub. Over the next few months Leslie and Tracy Quillen Carney will gage interest from partners with a goal to begin Sept.2019. There could be opportunities if the state applies for and receives another Launch grant.
- **Jamie Walko provided this information after the meeting:**

I understand I missed a discussion regarding the ASQ at our last meeting. I wanted to follow up and let you know OEL is also concerned regarding different agencies and school districts purchasing their own subscriptions to the ASQ therefore we have met and are working on a proposal

- At this time, Colonial is the only district that has purchased their own ASQ subscription. The other districts are remaining on the OEL site.
- We have talked to the 619/Child Find Coordinators and they are willing to switch to the online ASQ
- The DIAL will no longer be considered a STARS approved screening tool
- Our proposal is to have each district put their url on their webpage so that every child can have the opportunity to be screened.
- We have further meetings scheduled to work out the details and hope to have this in place for fall 2019.
- OEL and state Special Ed. Leadership is aware of our proposal and is on-board.

Thank you all for all of your assistance to get us to this point. We will keep you updated. Please pass this onto anyone I may have missed who attended the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 2, 2019, 1:30-3:30**  
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